



Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Women

December 17, 2002

Meeting called to order by chair, Heather Kiedrowski. Attended by Jere-Ann Nelson, Administration; Kelly Da Silva, Administration; Lesa Evers, Agriculture; Ann Pearson, Agriculture; Karyl Tobel, Commerce; Chris Imhoff, Commerce; Heidi Lindgren, DEQ; Sara McLaughlin, FWP; Molly Holz, Historical Society; Barb Smith, DPHHS; Trudy Phippen, Labor & Industry; Diane West, Labor & Industry; Michelle Peterson, Livestock; Joan Franke, OPI; Pam Spore, Revenue; Jacqui Garcia, State Fund; Prudy Hulman, Transportation

Welcome

Presents for Christmas families gathered

Potluck lunch

Program, "Christmastime in Montana," by historian Dave Walter

New Business

Minutes for the November 19, 2002. meeting were presented and approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Leesa Evers and was approved. As of 11/30/02, ending draft balance is \$269.17 and ending savings account balance is \$1949.58.

Discussion of a proposed by-law change to require subcommittees to bring their proposals before the body as a whole before proceeding with the action.

1. This bylaw change would help future years' ICCW groups get started because it would delineate how the group should function. Now, because there are no set guidelines, it takes 3-4 months simply to understand how the group functions and subcommittees feel that they lack direction.
2. It would also allow the group as a whole to contribute expertise and thus avoid problems.
3. ICCW members could have greater sense of ownership regarding the group's work and accomplishments.
4. Counterargument: This requirement would slow the group down and reduce the amount of work done by ICCW. It would be hard to do something in a timely manner. There are many opinions within the group and it is difficult to respond to disagreement expressed by various members.
5. Suggestion: Perhaps this proposal should be treated as an administrative rule rather than a bylaw to see how it works. It could be written as an administrative policy that includes an explanation of the rationale for establishment.

Discussion of ICCW's purpose

1. Perhaps ICCW is at a crossroads and needs to rethink its purpose and objectives.

The group decided to table discussions until next month. Subcommittees have the option of meeting or not.

Food donations and presents for two families

Both of these efforts are a great success. The donations will be taken to Dept. of Ag to be tallied and then taken to the food bank. ICCW volunteers distributed presents to families.

Subcommittee reports

Most subcommittees suspended meeting so there were no reports. Karyl Tobel of the Public Relations subcommittee reported high response to a survey about electronic distribution of information on the state mail system. She created a matrix that explains contact person email, file format, agencies' electronic distribution restrictions, and other information. This information will be distributed to all ICCW members.

Old business

The proposal to change bylaws by adding Past Chair position to the Leadership Subcommittee voted on again because it must be done by written ballot and will be taken up at the January meeting.

Adjourn